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SUBJECT: FIFTH COMMITTEE: UN BUILDINGS

REF: DOCUMENTS: A/C.5/31/20; A/C.5/31/41; A/C.5/31/45 AND
A/31/8/ADD.16

THIS CONFIRMS MCCORMICK/SAULS TELECON OF DECEMBER 14, 1976
RE THREE FOLLOWING REPORTS ON UN BUILDINGS:

1. DOCUMENT A/C.5/31/20 - EXTENSION OF THE PALAIS DES
NATIONS: THE SECRETARY GENERAL REPORTS ALL PROJECTS RELAT-
ING TO THE EXTENSION OF PALAIS DES NATIONS IN GENEVA COM-
PLETED. USDEL MAY NOTE REPORT 31/20 AND AT ITS DISCRETION
RECOMMEND OUTSTANDING BILLSBESETTLED ASAP IN ORDER MAXI-
MIZE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SAVINGS.

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2. DOCUMENT A/C.5/31/41 - UN ACCOMMODATIONS IN ADDIS ABABA, BANGKOK AND SANTIAGO:

A. ADDIS ABABA - EXTENSION OF AFRICA HALL WAS COMPLETED IN MAY 1976. DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING BUILDING MATERIALS, LABOR AND TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS COUPLED WITH UNFAVORABLE

CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS HAVE CAUSED FINAL COST OVER-RUN OF 496,252 DOLS.

SYG ALSO REQUESTS ADDITIONAL 227,800 DOLS FOR ADDITIONAL OFFICE PARTITIONING BUT THIS COST WILL BE PARTIALLY OFFSET BY RENTAL INCOME ESTIMATED AT 146,000 DOLS, LEAVING A NET REQUIREMENT OF 81,800 DOLS.

B. BANGKOK - CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ESCAP BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER 1975. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE BEING REQUESTED.

C. SANTIAGO - CONSTRUCTION OF ECLA DOCUMENTS RESEARCH CENTER BUILDING COMPLETED IN MAY 1976 AT A COST OF 997,012 DOLS. OR APPROXIMATELY 6.8 PERCENT BELOW APPROVED BUDGET.

D. USDEL MAY NOTE REPORT 31/41 AND SHOULD RECOMMEND THAT ANY APPROVED ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PARTITIONS FOR AFRICA HALL BE MET BY REALLOCATING FUNDS IN EXISTING UN 1976-77 BUDGET, DRAWING DOWN THE 214,122 DOLS. UNENCUMBERED BALANCE MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 12 OF THE REPORT, AND USING WHATEVER SURPLUS REMAINS FROM THE EXTENSION OF THE PALAIS DES NATIONS MENTIONED IN PARA. 2 OF A/31/8/ADD.16.

3. DOCUMENT A/C.5/31/45 - UN ACCOMMODATIONS IN NAIROBI:

A. THE SECRETARY GENERAL REPORTS THAT THE DETAILED PLANS AND COST ESTIMATES ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR PRESENTATION TO THE 31ST GA (PARA. 13 OF A/C.5/1718) WILL NOW BE PRESENTED TO THE 32ND GA.

B. USDEL MAY NOTE REPORT 31/45. USDEL SHOULD OPPOSE ANY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING. FYI: PARA. 3 OF A/10008/ADD.14 INDICATES BUILDING IS INTENDED FOR UNEP SECRETARIAT (AUTHORIZED STRENGTH 98 POSITIONS) AND OTHER UN OFFICES IN NAIROBI. WE UNDERSTAND THIS TO MEAN UN OFFICES CURRENTLY IN NAIROBI, NOT POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF UN ACTIVITIES FROM NEW YORK, GENEVA OR ELSEWHERE. SINCE BUILDING IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON 100 ACRE SITE WE WISH RESERVE OUR POSITION ON APPROVAL SIZE AND CONSTRUCTION

UNTIL DETAILED PLANS ARE SUBMITTED. END FYI. KISSINGER

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